



# Homeless/Strategic Plan 2020

**Auburn Police Department**

*"A Team of Dedicated Professionals relentlessly protecting the innocent and improving the quality of life for our community through compassion and partnerships in order to preserve justice and equality."*

# Goals & Objectives

## 01 Chronic Homeless

Over the three year strategic plan, reduce the number of Chronic homeless within the City of Auburn by 10%.

- Marbut Study defines: *“Chronic Homelessness” as a person who has been homeless more than one straight year, have had four homeless episodes in three years, or a homeless person with a disabling condition.*
- APD Definition: *A person contacted four months during a rolling 12 month period.*

## 02 Nuisance Type CFS

Over the three year strategic plan, reduce the number of nuisance type calls for service within the City of Auburn by 10%.

- Camping
- Loitering
- Panhandling
- Trespassing
- Suspicious Activity

Community Action Team

# Address the needs of our Community

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The City of Auburn, along with our partners at Placer County Probation and the Placer County Health and Human Services Department, work hard to address the community's concerns of homelessness and the transient population. In 2019, using a Problem-Oriented Policing approach, the Auburn Police Department developed and implemented a three year strategic plan to identify the situation that the City of Auburn was faced with. As 2020 has come to a close we have completed the second year of data and information collection and now enter a third year of the strategic plan.





## Fire

Partnering in the weed abatement of areas throughout the City. The areas of fire fuel and camping typically coincide and AFD leads our city-wide effort for cleaning up these areas.



## Placer County

Partnering with Placer County Probation, Placer County Health and Human Services, and the Placer County Sheriff's Office to provide County resources and services to those individuals wanting these amenities.

# Homeless Strategic Plan 2020 Community Action Team

The Community Action Team operates on a part-time basis and is used to address larger scale issues facing the community.

The Community Action Team is using a collaborative approach to address our community's concerns related to homeless and to assist those who are homeless or transient and need, as well as want, services.



## Code Enforcement

Experts on issues which arise on private property and city municipal codes.

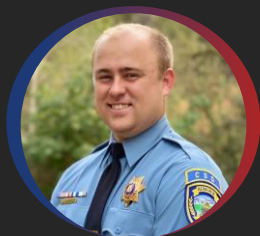


## Public Works

Assist in implementing CPTED recommendations throughout the City. In addition, aid in the clean up of camps.

# Meet Our APD Team

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**Connor Johnson**  
*CSO*



**Jennifer Solomon**  
*Code Enforcement*



**Phil Isetta**  
*Officer*



**Josh Eagan**  
*Officer*



**Vlade Grkovic**  
*Officer*



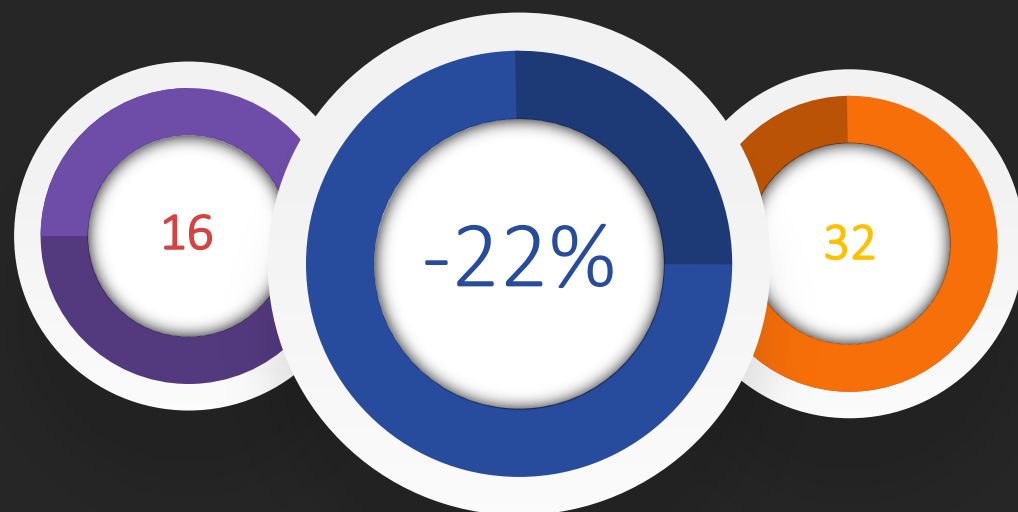
**Sarah Roach**  
*Officer*



**Mike Metzner**  
*Sergeant*

Objective One:

# Chronic Homeless Data



## 2020

In 2020, we identified a 22% decrease of chronic homeless individuals in the City of Auburn.

## Stats

16 individuals were no longer identified as chronic homeless because they no longer met the definitions of the Strategic Plan and have either obtained resources to assist them or have left the area and have not been in contact with APD personnel.

## Reduction

The reduction from 41 to 32 is a significant drop in chronic homeless. It should be noted although we saw a decrease of 16 individuals, we also added seven newly identified chronic homeless individuals.

# Mental Health & Homelessness

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## APD Approach

The ultimate goal is to have each individual receive the services they need to better aid them. We recognize that approximately 90% of our chronic homeless experience some type of mental health or drug/alcohol dependency issues. Learning what additional local resources and assistance may be available to these individuals; as well as learning more about the individuals is extremely important to obtaining our goal.



## Services/Housing

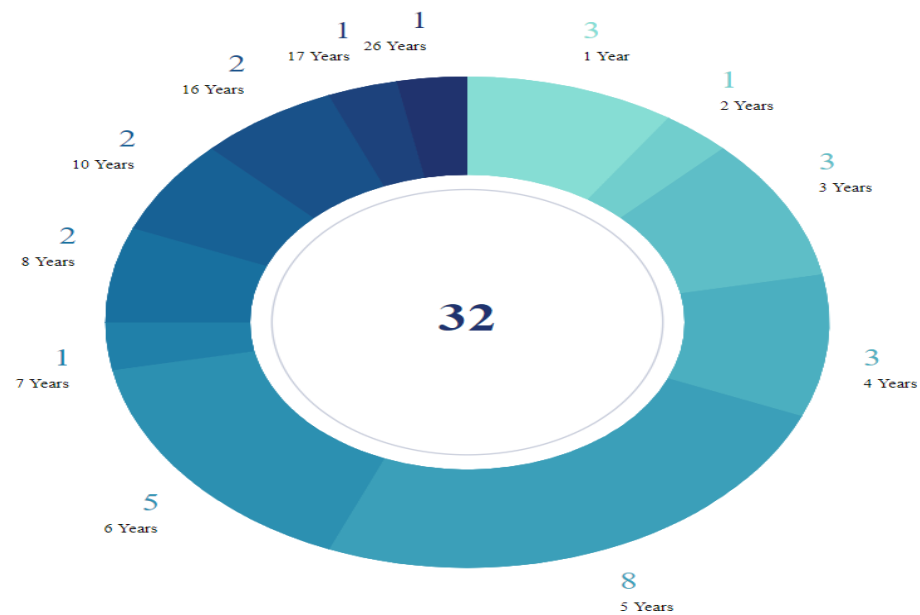
Even though there are a number of services available to our chronic homeless it requires them to take the necessary steps to get into these services. For example, the individuals need to be clean and sober prior to going into shelters. HHS and APD cannot force services upon someone. They must be willing to accept them and do what is necessary.



## Relationships

Those struggling with mental health, drug/alcohol dependency, or combination of both are the most difficult group to provide services to. This group requires consistent rapport-building and taking advantage of the relationships and opportunities.

## Current Chronic Homeless



## Homeless Concerns

Approximately 90%, have some type of substance abuse issues. Services are available and it requires the individual to be clean and sober when receiving these services.

Mental health coincides with the use of drugs and alcohol. HHS plays a significant role in providing the services directly to these individuals.

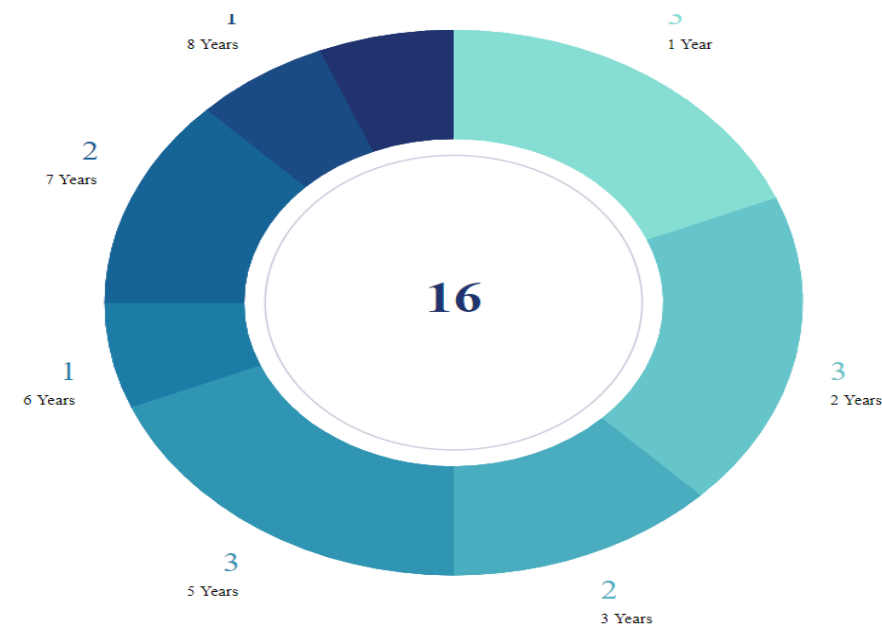


## Homeless Longevity

The 32 identified chronic homeless in the City of Auburn longevity ranges from one year up to 26 years.

One half (16) of the identified individuals have been chronically homeless for five years or less and the other half (16) has been homeless from six to 26 years.

## Chronic Homeless Longevity



# Success Stories

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## George N.

Retired U.S. Army veteran was homeless in the Auburn area for approximately one year with major health issues, including being wheelchair bound. APD contacted George on multiple occasion, ultimately working with HHS who were able to get him his V.A. services in Reno.



## Denise C.

She had been homeless for over five years and in and out of jail as result of her substance abuse issues. Due to her dependency issues and inability to remain clean and sober she was not accepted into the shelter. After another stint in county jail, she decided she no longer wanted to be homeless and worked closely with HHS to get the services she needed to help with her substance abuse issue and get into a shelter. It has been over a year since she received the services and appears to be headed in the right direction.



## Frank L.

During the pandemic, Frank became sick and lost his job and home. Officers came into contact with him living in his car in our parks. We put him into contact with HHS and was able to find housing. The case manager has been working to help him get a job and back on his feet.

Beat One

# Hwy 49 Corridor

North Auburn is located in Beat One. The business-centric areas is attractive to homeless population due to more open businesses, which means more people to panhandle and make purchases , and the location affords more places to be hidden.

The Nevada Train and Bus Stations are located in Beat One. Amtrak, Auburn, and County transit use this facility. This is an area that is frequented by our homeless and transient population. The long-term parking lot is also located here.



HOTSPOT

**Nevada Train Station**

Received Information from our Transit Team that individuals were being bussed from the bay area.



HOTSPOT

**Amphitheatre/Library**

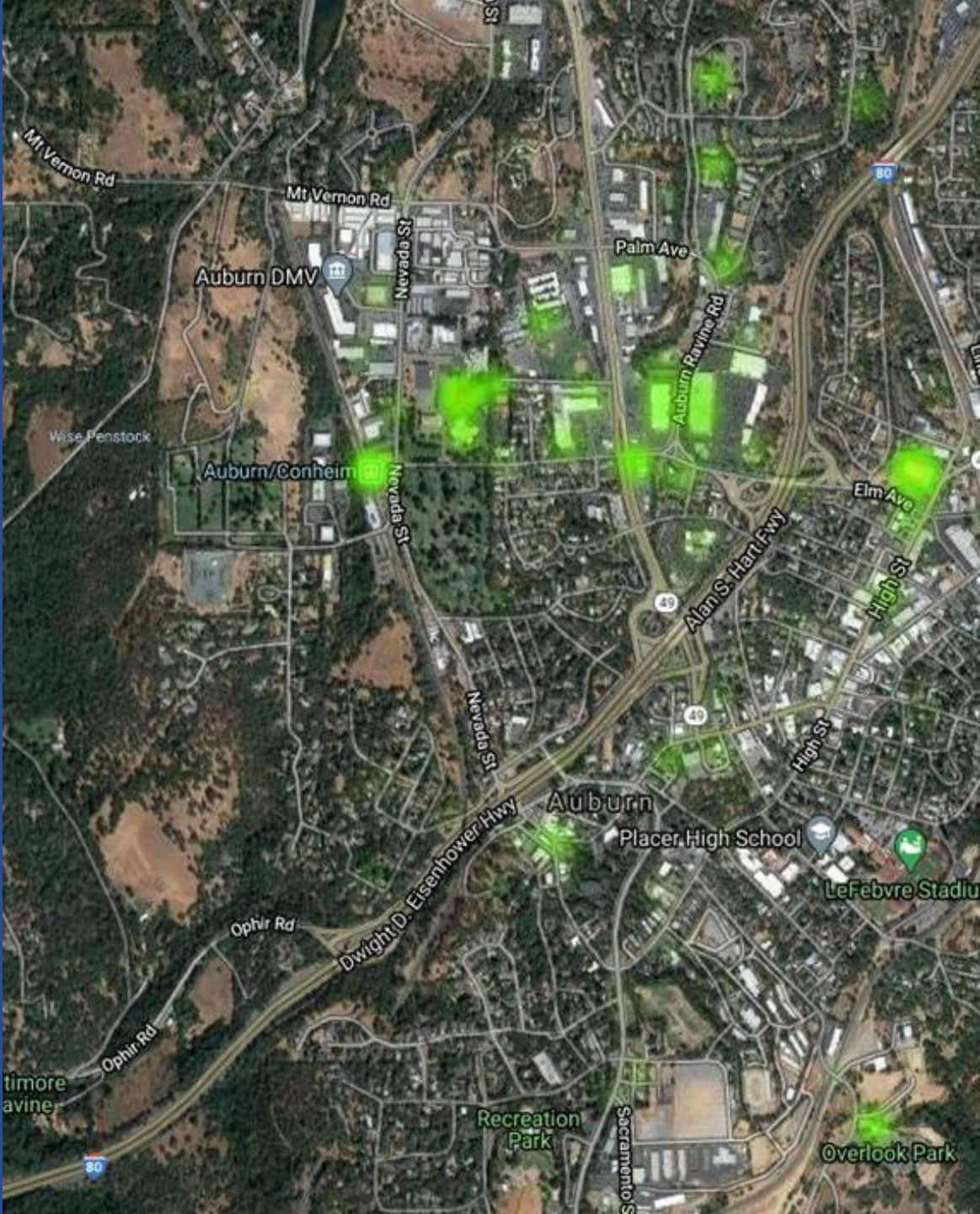
Power and Internet were accessible to individuals.



HOTSPOT

**Elmwood Motel**

Pop Up shelter that was used to quarantine due to COVID-19. Most of them were individuals from outside of the City of Auburn. No longer used for this purpose.



Beat Two

# Sacramento St Maidu Area

Our City has the three larger ARD parks in Beat Two; Overlook, Railhead, and Recreation. Within Beat Two is the recycling center, which is a means of income for those individuals who are recycling. Although recycling is not against the law, scavenging other people's trash can is.

Beat Two has more open space and is a location that experiences more legitimate camps. These camps go beyond the mere storage of property. As well as individuals using their vehicles to sleep in.



## HOTSPOT

### Old Town

Most visible location for the homeless/transient population.



## HOTSPOT

### Parks

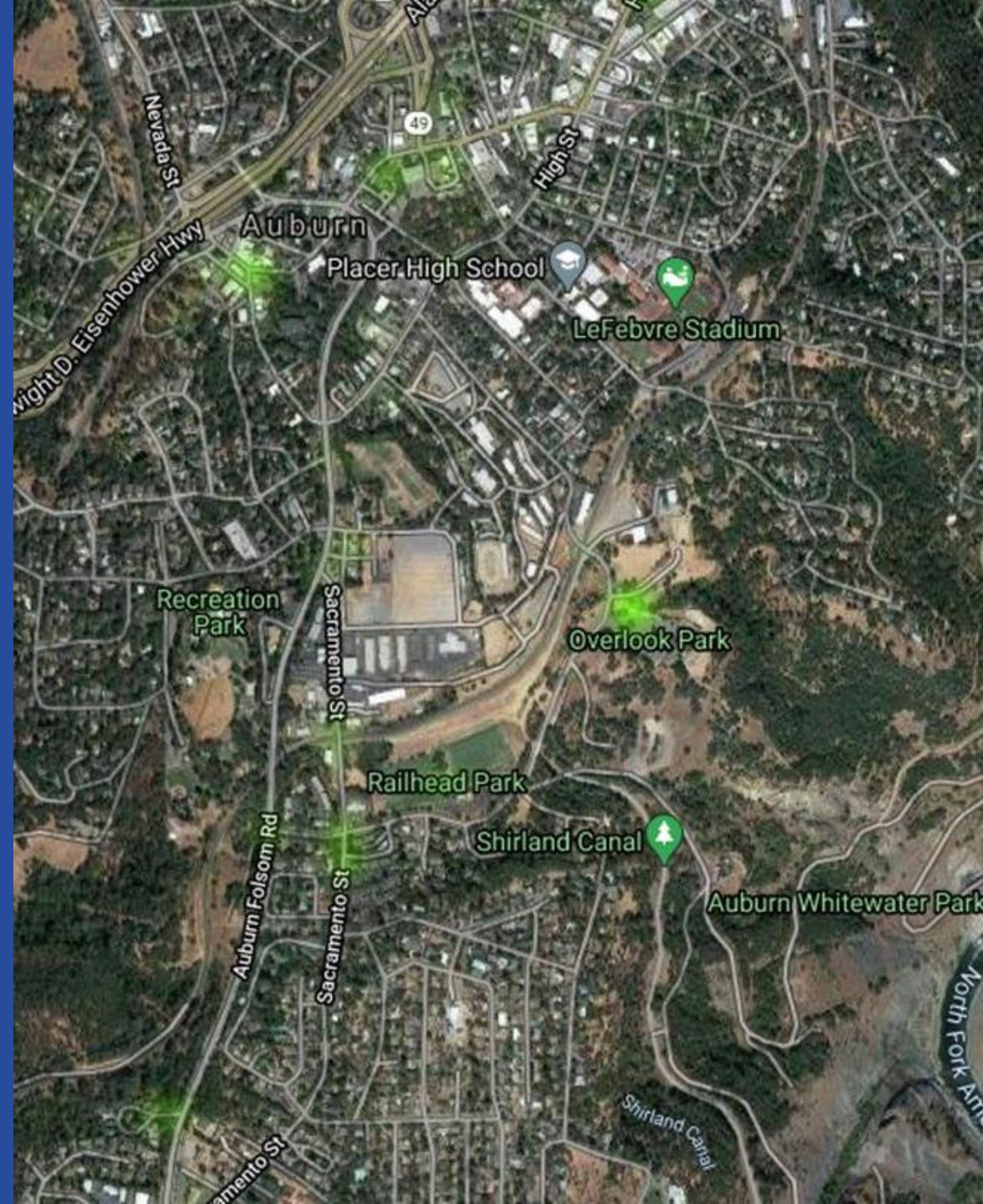
Homeless/Transients most commonly in their vehicles.



## HOTSPOT

### Brentwood/Auburn Folsom

Wooded area/concealed location ideal for establishing camps.



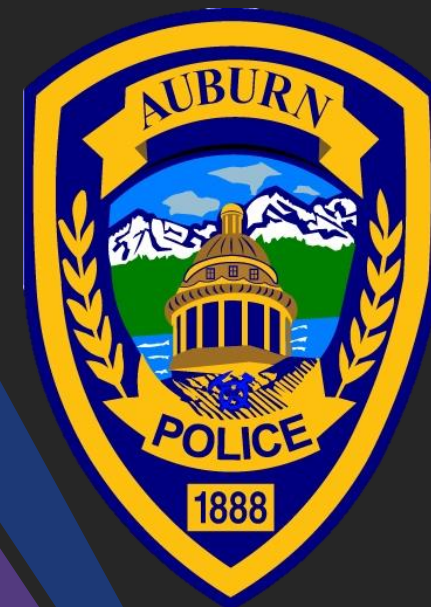
## Objective Two:

# Community Calls for Service

This data is obtained from the Community and it is how the information is initially reported to the Auburn Police Department. Overall data may change depending on what the officers discover during the initial response.

Collected data for 2020 shows an overall decrease of 16% (-151) in Nuisance Type calls for service compared to the 2019 total. As noted in the data we experienced increases and decreases in the five data points we are tracking.

The decrease in the Camping CFS could be attributed to the proactive efforts on the part of CAT and their focused effort on known trouble spots, as well as the effort to use weed abatement on the most prolific areas.





# 58

## Camps located City-wide

We responded to 58 camps in 2020 and all have been cleaned up. This is a 50% increase compared to the 2019 data.



# 33

## Camps on Private Property

11 camps were located on Union Pacific property. Throughout the year, we have continued to clean the UPRR properties.



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## Cost to address Camps

This cost includes the CSO and Officers time to address the various issues specific to camps, posting of camps, coordinating clean up.

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# Pro-Active Efforts

Police personnel continued their pro-active efforts to identify homeless/transient individuals while on-duty. This slide shows a snapshot of the pro-active work and the number of individuals they came into contact with who may have been homeless.

The Auburn Police Department currently uses the “Address Unknown” designation to identify those who may be homeless and/or transient.

Approximately 26% of the CAT contacts were with individuals who were identified as homeless.

Citations were issued primarily for camping, scavenging, and alcohol related (City municipal code violations).

253

Subject Stops



Homeless/Transient 101

Cite 13

Arrest 9

926

CAT



Homeless/Transient 224

Cite 28

Arrest 8

1437

Traffic Stops



Homeless/Transient 0

Cite 103

Arrest 0

# Problem-Oriented Policing

## Identifying & Implementing Strategies

The ability to diagnose and address crime and quality of life issues within our community is a priority for the Auburn Police Department.

### ✓ Chana Statue Park

Trash and Graffiti around the park was being reported. APD worked with PW staff to clean the graffiti and debris. In addition, landscaping has been significantly trimmed back and reduced the number of homeless congregating.

### ✓ Bicentennial Bridge

Homeless sleeping under the bridge and using the stream to bath. Community finding it unsafe to walk under the bridge and use the park. Graffiti and debris has been cleaned by PW staff. Landscaping has been cleared. A plan to fence a portion of the area is being looked into.

### ✓ Herschel Young Park

Individual with history of drugs, mental health, and 290 registrant. Has difficulty taking care of himself when not properly taking his medication. CAT & HHS were able to find housing outside the area.



# Challenges

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As a result of COVID-19, HHS had to change focus and efforts towards the “Project RoomKey” and protection of their staff.

We experienced a slower response time from HHS due to the impact.

Detailed information from the County was slower than normal. Staff had to learn more on the resources and how to go about getting the resources.



## COVID-19

It is expected that COVID-19 had some implications on our tracking of chronic homeless. We anticipate some of those individuals may have been housed somewhere else or due to travel restrictions were staying in other various locations.

## 290

Four of our chronic homeless are 290 registrants. These individuals are not allowed in the shelter. However, there are locations in Placer County they can be housed in if they are employed and sober.

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# Highlights

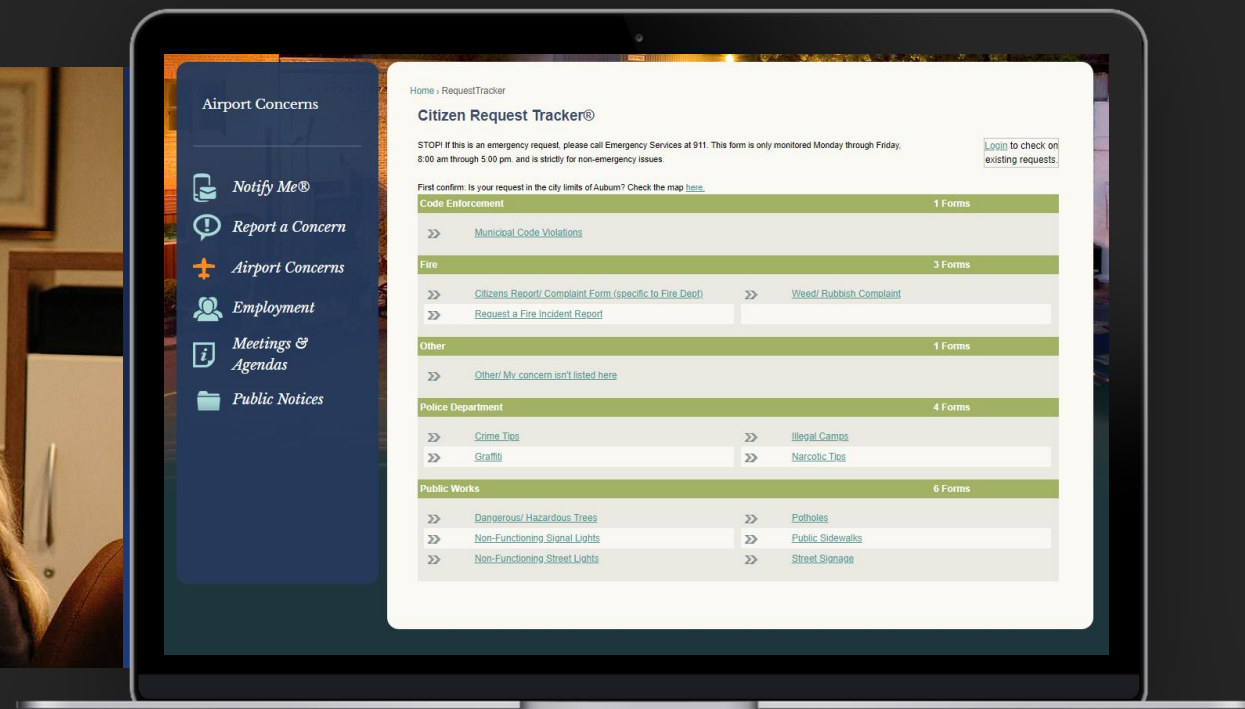


We strived to create a sustainable model to address the concerns of homelessness within the community.



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# Report a Concern



## Citizen Request Tracker

Using the City's website our community members and visitors can report a number of concerns to City Staff, from weed/rubbish complaints to our Fire Department, Potholes to our Public Works Department, and illegal camps and graffiti to the Police Department.



*Good news: Frank L. is temporarily housed in Auburn, Ray D. is soon to be employed but is looking for a place to live in Auburn (he's been doing really well down there), Marcos D. and Marcus M. have been doing stunningly on probation – D. spent the whole month at the Gathering Inn and as of today is still there. William G. has made all of his probation appointments and has been doing well despite being outside, and Darryl P. has been checking in every Thursday at our probation check ins! Debra H. is now back in the shelter as well.*

– HHS



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# How To Find Us

Our daily mission is to keep our community safe and improve the quality of life through our organizational core values; Respectful, Ownership, Professionalism, Integrity, and Empathy.



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